

**MINUTES OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION AND APPLIED TECHNOLOGY  
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, July 15, 2008 – 8:30 a.m. – Room C450 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. Curtis S. Bramble, Senate Chair  
Rep. Kevin S. Garn, House Chair  
Sen. Margaret Dayton  
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard  
Rep. Ron Bigelow  
Rep. Lorie D. Fowlke  
Rep. James R. Gowens  
Rep. Kory M. Holdaway  
Rep. Brad King  
Rep. Gordon E. Snow

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Karen Mayne

**Staff Present:**

Ms. Allison Nicholson, Policy Analyst  
Mr. Dee S Larsen, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Wendy Bangerter, Legislative Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1. Committee Business**

Chair Bramble called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Sen. Mayne was excused from the meeting.

**MOTION:** Rep. King moved to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2008 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Dayton and Rep. Fowlke were absent for the vote.

**2. Career and Technical Education Governance**

At the previous meeting, the committee chairs asked that representatives from Utah College of Applied Technology (UCAT) and Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) meet together and try to come to a consensus about a proposed solution related to career and technical education (CTE) governance and other issues that had been raised.

Mr. Tom Bingham, UCAT Board of Trustees, referred to a memo previously distributed to the Committee. He reported that at the meeting of UCAT and USHE, UCAT did agree to set aside the issue of credit in deference to having a statewide articulation agreement. He said they are still in disagreement regarding governance.

Mr. David Buhler, Interim Commissioner, USHE, expanded on the statewide articulation issue and the need for an additional FTE in the commissioner's office that could build upon the existing agreements and look for further opportunities to articulate on a statewide basis. He suggested that articulation would work better if UCAT were retained in USHE instead of outside of the system. He expressed his disappointment that more progress was not made regarding the issue of governance. Mr. Buhler distributed a summary of the meeting held and reviewed several issues he asked the Committee to consider.

Committee discussion followed.

**3. Discussion of Legislative Options**

Mr. Dee Larsen, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, distributed and reviewed 2009 General Session draft legislation, "Career and Technical Education amendments." He also

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distributed a summary of the bill with line references and an organization chart "Career and Technical Education Authority Governance Structure."

The Committee discussed the legislation and the organizational chart. They also discussed budget and governance issues.

Mr. Paul Hacking, President, Uintah Basin College of Applied Technology, stated that he believed the original mission of UCAT was to elevate the importance of CTE, and to help with regional autonomy. He expressed concern with provisions of the draft legislation, including the authority of the regional boards, its potential impact on accreditation, and the title of college president.

Ms. Mary Shumway, CTE Director, Utah State Office of Education, referred to the governance model used in Kansas and suggested learning from their experiences.

Dr. William Sederburg, President, Utah Valley University (UVU), expressed appreciation for the work done on the bill, and made suggestions on possible changes to the bill.

#### **4. Other Items / Adjourn**

The chairs set the next meeting for August 8, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

Sen. Dayton and Rep. Bigelow were asked to chair a working group and set a date and time to meet. Sen. Mayne, Rep. Gowans, and Rep. Holdaway were also asked to participate. All interested parties were invited to attend but it was clarified that those legislators participating would not receive per diem and public comment would be taken at the discretion of the chairs.

**MOTION:** Rep. Bigelow moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Garn adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.